

REMARKS

This Amendment is made in response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2007. Claims 1-18 were pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form. New claim 19, which depends from allowed claim 13, has been added. Claims 2, 4, 6, 7 and 15-18 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 13. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted above, claims 2, 4, 6, 7 and 15-19 now depend from allowed claim 13. These amendments have been made to expedite allowance of this application. Accordingly, these claims are in a condition for allowance. The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these previously pending claims and similar claims in a related application to be filed at a later date.

It is respectfully urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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